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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, September 19, were slightly higher than those realized last week, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in London. The demand is being strengthened by the moderate supplies available. American apples in general are still arriving with poor color but they are otherwise in good condition. Many barreled apples are showing a large amount of slacks and Eastern growers and packers should take more care in regard to fastening bilge hoops and proper racking of barrels, states Mr. Smith.

There was a good demand for Virginia York Imperials, Jonathans and King Davids. Unclassified 2 inch Yorks in good condition ranged from $6.57 to $6.81 per barrel. Fruit that was poorly colored brought from $1.00 to $2.00 per barrel less. The same size and grade Jonathans ranged from $6.81 to $7.06 and King Davids from $6.33 to $6.81 per barrel. The demand is improving for Virginia Grimes, U. S. No. 1, 2¾ inch stock in good condition having brought from $4.87 to $5.35 per barrel. There was only a slow demand, however, for Virginia Ben Davis. Arrivals of New York Gravensteins were still in poor condition, most of them showing many slacks, and selling from $2.92 to $3.89 per barrel for Unclassified 2½ inch stock in slack condition.

The demand was brisk for Washington Jonathans, combination packs of Extra Fancy and Fancy fruit, sizes 150/163/175, selling at $3.71 per box. Fancy Gravensteins from Oregon, sizes 150/163/175, ranged from $2.92 to $3.16. Only light supplies of these two varieties were available, and the condition of the fruit was good. The same size and grade of California Newtowns brought from $2.80 to $2.92 per box. These were in moderate supply and only in fair condition.

Low prices received for immature barreled stock

The higher prices paid for American apples in the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, September 19, reflects the reaction of the trade to the improvement in the condition of the fruit arriving during the preceding week. During August and the first half of September the British market responded logically to the deluge of immature apples, picked in August, which should have been left on the trees another month or six weeks. While a few highly colored apples brought good prices during this period, there were many poorly colored barreled apples which sold for less than $3.00 per barrel, which is equivalent to only about $1.50 f.o.b. Winchester.

Prices paid for American fruit in Liverpool and London, Wednesday, September 19, 1928

Variety and grade	Origin	Price September 12	Price September 19
LIVERPOOL:		Per bbl.	Per bbl.
York Imperials:			
Unclassified, 2 in. (poorly colored)	Virginia	a/	$4.38 - 5.84
Unclassified, 2 in. (fair condition)	"	a/	5.84 - 6.33
Unclassified, 2 in. (good condition)	"	a/	6.57 - 6.81
"Early Export"	"	$4.87 - 5.35	a/
Jonathan:			
Unclassified, 2 in. (poor cond.)	"	a/	3.65 - 5.84
Unclassified, 2 in. (good cond.)	"	a/	6.81 - 7.06
"Early Export" (poorly colored)	"	5.60 - 5.84	a/
Grimes:			
U.S. No. 1, 2¾ inch	"	a/	4.87 - 5.35
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	"	4.62 - 4.87	a/
"Early Export"	"	4.14 - 4.38	a/
King David:			
Unclassified, 2 inch	"	a/	6.33 - 6.81
"Early Export" (poorly colored)	"	5.60 - 5.84	a/
Rome Beauty:			
Unclassified, 2 inch	"	a/	5.11 - 5.60
Ben Davis:			
Unclassified, 2 in. (fair condition)	"	a/	4.11 - 4.32
Gravenstein:			
Unclassified, 2½ in. (slack cond.)	New York	a/	2.92 - 3.69
U.S. No. 1, 2½ in. (fair condition)	"	4.62	a/
Jonathan:		Per box	Per box
Combination (Extra Fancy and Fancy, 150/163/175)	Washington	a/	3.71
Gravenstein:			
Fancy, 150/163/175	Oregon	a/	2.92 - 3.16
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.37 - 2.86	a/
Yellow Newtown:			
Fancy, 150/163/175 (fair cond.)	California	3.04 - 3.10	2.80 - 2.92
Fancy, 188/s,aller (fair cond.)	"	2.01 - 2.68	a/
Pears:		Per box	Per box
Hardy	California	a/	4.14 - 4.38
D'Anjou	"	a/	3.89 - 4.14
		Per bbl.	Per bbl.
Bartlett	New York	a/	9.85 -10.71
LONDON:		Per box	Per box
Bartlett	Washington	a/	3.41 - 3.89
Bartlett	California	4.87 - 5.11	a/
Hardy	"	4.14 - 4.38	a/
Grapefruit	Porto Rico	5.60 - 6.57	5.60 - 6.08
Grapefruit (variable condition)	California	a/	3.41 - 4.87

a/ None quoted in cable.

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